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MAY 8, 2018

Ms. Mami Pyke  
Daily Herald  
155 E. Algonquin Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Ms. Pyke:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek to ascertain the characterization of service pertaining to Benjamin Winderweedle. Your request was received in this office on May 8, 2018, has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180416 by this command.

A releasable copy of an applicable DD Form 214 which reflects characterization of service is enclosed. The redacted portions of the released documentation, including characterization of service, are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Benjamin Winderweedle and other identified individuals.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031.

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You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. German', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D. P. GERMAN  
FOIA/PA Officer  
By direction

CAUTION: NOT TO BE USED FOR  
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### CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

This Report Contains Information Subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended.

<b>1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)</b> WINDERWEEDLE, BENJAMIN ADAM		<b>2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH</b> NAVY - USN		<b>3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> (b)(6)	
<b>4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK</b> MM1	<b>b. PAY GRADE</b> E6	<b>5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)</b> (b)(6)	<b>6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD)</b> NA		
<b>7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY</b> SHREVEPORT MEPS SHREVEPORT, LA 71107-6587		<b>b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)</b> (b)(6) LA (b)(6)			
<b>8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND</b> NAVSUBSUPPCEN BANGOR, SILVERDALE, WA			<b>b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED</b> PERSUPP DET KITSAP, SILVERDALE, WA		
<b>9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED</b> COMMANDER, NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (PERS-912), MILLINGTON, TN-38055			<b>10. SGLI COV AMOUNT:</b> (b)(6)		
<b>11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY</b> (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) MM-4231: SSN/SSBN Auxiliary Equipment Technician, 18yrs, 02mos. MM-4246: SSN/SSBN Diesel Engine (Fairbanks-Morse) Maintenance Technician, 16yrs, 06mos. MM-4252: Electrolytic Oxygen Generator (Model 6L16) Operator/Mechanical Maintainer, 15yrs, 11mos. 9585: Recruiter Canvasser, 14yrs, 08mos, 9502: Instructor, 07yrs, 05mos, 9508: Recruit Division Commander (RDC) Recruit Instructor, 07yrs, 00mo. 9550: Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (UUV) Operator, 02yrs, 03mos.			<b>12. RECORD OF SERVICE</b>		
			<b>a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD</b> 1996 08 19		
			<b>b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD</b> 2016 08 31		
			<b>c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD</b> 20 00 12		
			<b>d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE</b> 00 00 00		
			<b>e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE</b> 00 00 00		
			<b>f. FOREIGN SERVICE</b> 00 00 00		
			<b>g. SEA SERVICE</b> 11 00 08		
<b>h. INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING</b> 00 04 01					
<b>i. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE</b> 2007 09 16					
<b>13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED</b> (All periods of service) National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (5), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Enlisted Submarine Warfare Specialist Breast Insignia, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon (3), SSBN Deterrent Patrol Pin (8 Patrols), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service "See Remarks"			<b>14. MILITARY EDUCATION</b> (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) Recruit Training: (BMT), 8wks, Oct96; Basic Enlisted Submarine, 4wks, Dec96; Trident High Pressure/Low Pressure Air Compressor and Air Dehydrator Operator, 1wk, Aug97; Submarine Ship Stores Refrigeration R-12 Combined Maintenance, Trident Submarine Diesel Engine Maintenance, 2wks, Feb00; Submarine Force Quality Assurance Inspector, 1wk, Feb00; Oxygen Generator 6L16 Operator "See Remarks"		
<b>15a. COMMISSIONED THROUGH SERVICE ACADEMY</b>			<b>YES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b. COMMISSIONED THROUGH ROTC SCHOLARSHIP</b> (10 USC, Sec. 2107b)			<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>c. ENLISTED UNDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM</b> (10 USC Chap. 109) (If yes, years of commitment: )			<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID</b> (b)(6)		<b>17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION</b> (b)(6)			
<b>18. REMARKS</b> SERIAL NO-43150-16-1251-JEB. "Subject to Active Duty Recall by Secretary of the Navy." "Effective Date of Transfer to Fleet Reserve Status: 01 SEP 2016." "Block 13 Cont'd: Medal, Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Navy Pistol Sharpshooter Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Recruit Training Service Ribbon, Navy Rifleman Marksman Ribbon, Letter of Commendation - Flag, Presidential Unit Commendation, Deep Submergence Breast Insignia." "Block 14 Cont'd: First Line Leadership Development Program, 1wk, Apr01; Enlisted Navy Recruiting Orientation/Recruiter Canvasser (ENRO), 4wks, Nov01; Primary Leadership Development "Cont'd on DD214C"  The information contained here in is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.					
<b>19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION</b> (Include ZIP Code) (b)(6)			<b>b. NEAREST RELATIVE</b> (Name and address - include Zip Code) (b)(6) (b)(6)		
<b>20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO</b> (Specify state/locality) (b)(6) <b>OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS</b> (b)(6)					
<b>a. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WASHINGTON, DC)</b> (b)(6)					
<b>21a. MEMBER SIGNATURE</b> (b)(6)		<b>b. DATE (YYYYMMDD)</b> 20160707	<b>22a. OFFICIAL AUTHO</b> (b)(6) (b)(6)		<b>b. DATE (YYYYMMDD)</b> 20160707

### SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

<b>23. TYPE OF SEPARATION</b> TRANSFERRED TO THE FLEET RESERVE		<b>24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE</b> (Include upgrades) (b)(6)	
<b>25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY</b> (b)(6)		<b>26. SEPARATION CODE</b> (b)(6)	<b>27. REENTRY CODE</b> (b)(6)
<b>28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION</b> (b)(6)			
<b>29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD)</b> (b)(6)		<b>30. MEMB</b> (Initials) (b)(6) <b>COPY 4</b>	

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3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

(b) (6)

SERIAL NO-43150-16-1551-JEB. "Block 18 Continued: Program, 1wk, Apr05; Instructional Delivery Continuum (IDC) - Journeyman Instructor Training (JIT)- Basic Instructor - Automated Electronic Classroom (AEC) (Basic Instructor), 2wks, Feb09; Recruit Division Command, 15wks, Jul09, Master Training Specialist, Apr10."

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